SUBJECT No. 238.

Votes on R. A. subjects.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Votes may be taken on every subject discussed in the Assembly in which there is difference of opinion.

Reply of Government.—On important subjects, on which Government desire specific information as to the opinion of the Assembly, votes will be taken.

SUBJECT No. 239.

An additional member to the Representative Assembly from the Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Mr. Santhappa Setty, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An additional member may be permitted to be returned to the Representative Assembly from the Yedahalli sub-taluk which now sends only one member.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 240.

Mysore Civil Service Scheme.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 241.

Mysore Civil Service Examination.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Rules for the Mysore Civil Service Examination while confining admission to the examination to the natives or domiciles of Mysore, make an exception in favour of graduates of the State Colleges irrespective of their being natives or domiciles of Mysore. The State Colleges do not (and neither is it desirable that they should) restrict admissions to the natives of Mysore and domiciled Mysoreans. The very beneficial object of the Rules is thus frustrated. It is therefore prayed that the rules may be so amended as to restrict the examination only to Mysoreans by birth or domicile.

(2) An adequate knowledge of Kannada must be insisted upon as a preliminary qualification for admission to the examination. A Committee should certify to such knowledge by a special test comprising translation from Kannada into English and *vice versa* and the reading of manuscripts and precis-writing in Kannada.

Reply of Government.—The new Rules were passed quite recently. We may wait for some years to see how they work.

SUBJECT No. 242.

The Indian Civil Service.

(*a*) Mr. B. Chinnasami Chetty, Commercial Association, Bangalore.

(*b*) Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The subjects of Native States are not considered British-born subjects, for the purpose of admission to the Indian Civil Service Examination held in England. This is an anamoly and chills the ambitions of many an intelligent young Mysorean. A representation may be made to the British Government to remove this hardship and admit students of Native States to the Indian Civil Service.

(*b*) The Imperial Government may be requested to permit Mysoreans to appear for the I.C.S. and I.M.S. Examinations.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration. The question is also understood to be before the Public Services Commission.

SUBJECT No. 243.

Election of Conference members.

Messrs. Naraharaiya, Rudrappa and Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that certain proportion of members of the Economic Conference may be elected by people who have taken up agriculture or industry as their special occupation.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 244.

Constitution of District Councils.

Messrs. H. V. Rangasami, Hassan taluk, Mohamed Raza and S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 245.

Definition of the term "Distinguished service rendered to the State."

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In para 2 of Government Order No. 16591-629—L. R. 741-05-1, dated 30th June 1906, the words "Distinguished service rendered to the State" occur. It is not understood what is meant by "Distinguished Service" and its claims.

Several members including Messrs. Srinivasa Rao, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, M. K. Krishnamurti and Sura Sastri represented that the appointment of young men as Probationers had caused great discontent among officials in the subordinate ranks of the service as it deprived them of all legitimate chances of promotion and requested that greater encouragement might be given to these officials among whom there were many capable graduates including double graduates.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 246.

Character of public servants.

Mr. K. S. Santanam Iyengar, Closepet municipality.

Summary of discussion.—General repute regarding the character of public servants may be the subject of enquiry by the Heads of Departments, and may be taken to weigh with Government in awarding punishment to them. The Heads of Departments may be asked to enquire and report about the repute of their subordinates during their official tours.

Mr. Santanam Iyengar stated that inefficiency and corruption had increased of late in the Public Service but that it was difficult to prove corruption in any specific case. He said that Heads of Departments should, during their tours, investigate confidentially into the general repute of Government Officers and take action on the result of such enquiry.